the at least three first apertures extending from the upper surface to the lower surface of the mounting member to permit a threaded portion of a first fastener to pass therethrough, for restrainable yet reorientable attachment of the mounting member and the anti-theft sensor assembly to the article being monitored via said threaded mounting aperture;

the at least three second apertures extending from the upper surface to the lower surface of the mounting member to permit a threaded portion of a first fastener to pass therethrough, for restrainable yet reorientable attachment of the mounting member and the anti-theft sensor assembly to the article being monitored via said threaded mounting aperature;

said reorientable attachment extending into at least two substantially intersecting directions of movement amongst each of said first and second aperture regions to optimize the restrained positioning of said article along said mounting member for monitoring by said anti-theft sensor, in at least one preferred attachment position in at least one of said first and second aperture regions;

said sensor region positioned on the mounting member in a position laterally displaced from, and independent from, said plurality of apertures used to secure the mounting member to the article being monitored.

IN THE SPECIFICATION AMEND:

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In the preferred embodiment, the anti-theft sensor assembly is composed of a housing having an interior region and an upper surface. The housing is configured to enable the anti-theft sensor assembly to be fixedly attached to the sensor region on the mounting member. The anti-theft sensor assembly includes a switch member for contacting the camera being monitored and is oriented substantially normal to an external surface on the camera. The housing contains an electronic circuit board for creating an electronic alarm signal upon interruption of the operable contact between the switch member and the surface of the camera being monitored. A signaling device indicates at least

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one of the presence and absence of operable, monitored contact between the switch member and the surface of the camera being monitored. A signal transmission medium is used for transmitting the electronic alarm signal from the electronic circuit board to an alarm signaling device.

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In the alternative preferred embodiment, the anti-theft sensor assembly includes a switch member for contacting the camera being monitored and is oriented substantially normal to an external surface on the camera. Also included in the anti-theft sensor assembly is an electronic circuit board for creating an electronic alarm signal upon interruption of the operable contact between the switch member and the surface of the camera being monitored. A signaling device indicates at least one of the presence and absence of operable, monitored contact between the switch member and the surface of the camera being monitored. A signal transmission medium is used for transmitting the electronic alarm signal from the electronic circuit board to an alarm signaling device. A second threaded fastener adapted to mate with the first threaded hole in the mounting member to secure the electronic circuit board to the mounting member. Preferably, the switch member of the anti-theft sensor assembly is biased into operable contact with the external surface of the camera being monitored.

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A preferred embodiment of a universal camera mount assembly **1** of the present invention is shown generally in Figs. 1-4. The universal camera mount assembly **1** includes a (universally

mountable) mounting member **2** having an upper surface **3** and a lower surface **4**. The mounting member has a plurality of at least three mounting holes **5** (indicated in Fig. 2 as **5a – 5l**) that pass completely through the mounting member **2** beginning from the upper surface to the lower surface. The mounting holes **5** are oriented in any quantity of three or greater and in any pattern, but are shown in Figs. 1-3 as being oriented in linear rows and columns. The mounting member **2** has accommodations for placement of an electronic anti-theft sensor assembly **6** adjacent to the placement of the array of mounting holes **5** such that the array of mounting holes **5** is asymmetrically located with respect to the placement of the electronic anti-theft sensor assembly **6**.

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In the preferred embodiment, the electronic anti-theft sensor assembly **6** may be secured to the mounting member by way of a layer of double-sided adhesive tape **7**, although any number of alternative fastening methods **8**, such as rivets, screws, etc, may be employed in combination with, or in place of, the double-sided adhesive tape. The electronic anti-theft sensor assembly **6** may be positioned on any of the upper surface, the lower surface, or in recesses of the upper or lower surfaces on the mounting member **2**. The electronic anti-theft sensor assembly **6** includes an electro-mechanical switch **9** to enable operable contact with the article being monitored **10**, such as a video or still camera. The electro-mechanical switch **9** is biased against compression, preferably by employing a resistive spring, such that the electro-mechanical switch **9** will trigger an electrical signal if the switch is displaced a pre-determined amount from its compressed position. In this manner, an electro-mechanical switch **9** may be induced to make substantial contact with a surface of the camera being monitored

10 such that if contact is lost, an electronic signal is transmitted to an alarm signaling device **6a** (as shown in Fig. 9). The transmission of the electronic signal to an alarm signaling device **6a** may be made by utilizing any one of a variety of classical techniques, known in the art, including via a flexible electronic cable **11**, cellular or terrestrial telephonic systems, radio frequencies, infrared, electro-mechanic, and the like.

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On page 12, please delete the last paragraph that extends onto page 13 and instead insert the following paragraph:

Fig. 4 represents a cross sectional view of Fig. 2 of the preferred embodiment taken along site lines "4 – 4" and looking in the direction of the arrows. The mounting member **2** mounted to the camera being monitored **10**, is preferably also affixed to the camera by double-sided adhesive tape **12** positioned between the camera **10** and the mounting member **2**. The double-sided adhesive tape **12** not only secures the mounting member **2** to the camera **10**, but also creates a bond between mounting member **2** and camera **10** so as to preclude direct access to anti-theft sensor assembly **6** thereby preventing tampering with the functionality of the attached anti-theft sensor assembly **6** and its switch member **9**; by limiting access to switch member **9** when in contact with camera **10**. To further enhance the attachment between mounting member **2** and camera **10**, a fastener **13** is inserted through one of the mounting holes **5a-l** and is thereafter threaded into the pre-existing tripod mount hole that normally is present on a camera **10** to be monitored. The particular mounting hole **5a-l** used is dependent upon the configuration and location of the tripod mount hole present on camera **10**. A user would choose the mounting hole within mounting member **2** that provides substantial contact of the upper surface of mounting member **2** to camera **10** while still maintaining substantial contact of anti-theft sensor assembly **6** and switch member **9** with camera **10**. Upon securing the

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mounting member **2** to the camera being monitored **10**, the electro-mechanical switch of the invention **9** necessarily makes contact with an external surface of the camera thereby placing the anti-theft sensor assembly **6** in its operable position to begin detecting any detachment of the camera from the universal mount assembly. In the preferred embodiment, the electronic anti-theft sensor assembly **6** incorporates a signaling feature **14**, such as a light emitting diode, to serve as a visual alert to both the thief and the store personnel that intimate contact between the electro-mechanical switch **9** and a surface of the camera has been lost if the alarm circuit has been activated. In the event of an interruption of operable contact between the electro-mechanical switch **9** and the surface of the camera being monitored **10**, an electronic circuit board **6b** housed within the electronic anti-theft sensor assembly **6** creates an electrical signal for use by the signaling device **14** and the alarm signaling device **6a.** The electrical signal may be carried from the anti-theft sensor assembly **6** to the alarm signaling device **6a** via a flexible electronic cable, cellular or terrestrial telephonic systems, radio frequencies, infrared, electro-magnetic, and the like.

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Fig. 7 represents an alternate embodiment showing symmetrical placement of a pair of two-dimensional arrays of mounting holes **16**. In this embodiment, an electronic anti-theft sensor assembly **17** is positioned between the pair of mounting hole arrays **16**. Placement of arrays of mounting holes **16** symmetrically on either side of anti-theft sensor assembly **17** permits greater flexibility in placement of mounting member **18** with respect to camera **10**, while maintaining substantial and operable contact of switch member of anti-theft sensor assembly **17** to camera **10**. The at least three apertures in each individual array **16** may be arranged in any geometric pattern or they be linearly ordered into rows and

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